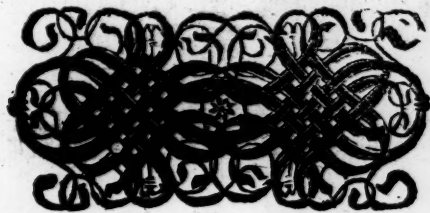


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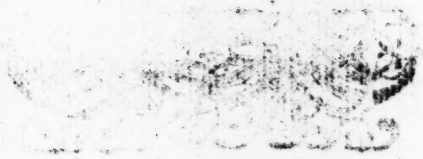
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LONDON,
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HE House of Commons having with aff. &ionate zeal to the publick good of this Kingdome, and loyall fidelity to the Imperiall Crowne, presented their Petition to his Majesty, and with all receiving so gracious an answer to their Petition, doe withall obsequious humility accept the same with gratitude, and resp-ctively doe thus reply to his Majesties answer to their Petition. Your Majesties good hopes that your gracious Mes- sage the twentieth of this month to both Houles, would have produced some such overture, which, by offering what is fit on our parts to doe, and what is proper for your Majesty to grant, might beget a mutuall confidence in each other: these (we say) good hopes of your Majesty are yet neither frustrate, nor scarce retarded, for we endeavour with sedulous diligence rather to strengthen and corroborate, then in any wise to debilitate the same reciprocal conjunction, and mutuall co-operation.

Concerning the Tower of London, wee did greatly suspect that your Majesty having preferred a person of a fortune (though perhaps better known to your Majesty) yet unknowne to us, and the City, and in that regard of a questionable reputation to that trust, would be graciously pleased, and respectively induced (and not thereunto pressed) to remove him, many particular charges being therein agitation to be objected against him, and therefore we returne this answer, that if hereafter upon due examination many particulars shall be presented to your Majesty, whereby it shall appeare, that your Majesty was respectively mistaken in your good opinion of the Gentleman, and that he is suspected to be unfit for the trust committed to him, your Majesty will make no scruple in discharging him, for otherwise (wee acknowledge) your Majesty is obliged in justice to your self to preserve your own worke, that your favour and good opinion may prove a great advantage, and the highest fortune to your servants without any other preferment, of which your Majesty needs not to doubt, but this House of Commons would have beene so impartially tender (as of all businesse wherein your Majesties honour is so much concerned) that if they had not found many materiall exceptions against his person, they would have rather endeavoured to satisfie and reforme the feares of other men, then (by complying with them) induce your Majesty to any resolution, which may seem so much to reflect upon your Honour and Justice.

For the Forts and Castles of the Kingdome wee
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are obsequiously most gratefull, that your Majesty is so graciously resolved, that they shall alwaies be in such hands, and onely in such, as the Parlia ment may safely confide in; yet we were more sollicitous for the common safety of the Realme, and therefore we presumed to elect wel-deserving persons for the same; but withall (wee confesse) the nomination of any person to those places being so principall and inseparable a flower of your Crowne vested in you, and derived to you from your Ancestors, by the fundamentall Laws of the Kingdome, you may reserve to your selfe; in bestowing whereof, as your Majesty will take care that no corrupt or sinister courses shall prevaile with you, so your Majesty is graciously willing to declare that you will not bee induced to expresse that favour so loone to any one, as to those whose good demeanour shall bee eminent to you, or your Parliament. And we are very respectiue to heare of your Majesties so gracious conjunction with us, wherein you declare, that if you have now or shall at any time by mis-information confer such trust upon an undeserving person, you are, and alwaies will be ready to leave him to the Wildome and Iustice of your Parliament.

As for our petitionary desire for the *Militia* of the Kingdome, your Majesty hath given us a most plenary and contentive Answer to the great satisfaction of us all (which *Militia* we likewise acknowledge, by the Law is subject to no command but of your Majesty, and of authority lawfully derived from you) that when any particular course for ordering

dering the same (which your Majesty, as is declared, holds very necessary for the peace and security of your Kingdome) shall bee considered, (as your Majesty hath expressed) and digested by your Parliament, and proposed to you, your Majesty will be pleased to returne such an Answer as shall be agreeable to your Honour, and the safety of your People: you have bene graciously pleased to answer us so fully in every particular proposition herein, that we are respectively satisfied. And wee doe moreover willingly subscribe to that, wherein your Majesty is resolved to impose the election on our parts, but onely to deny those things, the granting whereof would alter the fundamentall Lawes, and endanger the very foundation, upon which the publike happiness and welfare of your people is founded, and constituted, and would nourish a greater and more destructive jealousie betwixt the Crowne and the Subjects, then any of these, which would seeme to bee taken away by such a satisfaction. And your Majesty need not to doubt, or have the least dubitation, that your having granted more then ever King hath granted, will ever perswade your House of Commons to aske more then ever Subjects have asked. And wee most humbly gratifie your Majesty for your gracious solicitation for, and conjunction with us, in that you have declared, that if wee shall acquaint your Majesty with the particular grounds of our doubts and feares, you will very willingly apply remedies proportionall to those feares. For we call God to witnesse, that the inviolation of your Imperiall Crowne, and the preservation

tion of the publike peace, the Lawes and liberties of the Subjects, shall alwayes bee our chiefeſt care and induſtry, as of our owne lives, and the lives of our deareſt friends. And therefore wee by all the Acts of Juſtice and favour, that wee have received from you this Parliament, by our hopes of future happines in your Maieſty, and in one anothers love of Religion, and peace of this Kingdome (in which that of Ireland ſhall not be forgotten) that wee will not be transported with jealousies, and apprehenſions of poſſible dangers, to put our ſelves and your Maieſty into reall and preſent inconveniences, but that we will ſpeedily purſue the way propoſed by your Maieſties former meſſage, which you in humane reaſon are the onely way to compoſe, and both co-unutely to mitigate the diſtractions of the Kingdome, in a conjoynd concurrence of our determinations: and with Gods propitious bleſſings wee ſhall thereby reſtore a great meaſure of felicity to King, Parliament, and whole Realme.

FINIS.